

RWANDA

PORTFOLIO SUMMARY



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Overview: Current country program established in 2005. Focus is on grassroots organizations, cooperatives, and limited liability companies with strong backwards linkages. USADF currently manages a portfolio of **18 projects**, plus one Partner Cooperative Agreement. Total commitment is **\$3.8 million**.



Organization	Duration	Value	Summary
Turwanyubukene Farmers Cooperative (TFC) 1794-RWA photos	2007-2011	\$145,300	Agricultural Production (Pomegranates): TFC, a thirty-two member cooperative located in Bugesera District, has formed a partnership with Millennium Villages Project Rwanda and USADF for a pilot project to grow and promote two export crops: pomegranates and chick peas. Project funds will support TFC with the provision of quality seedlings, land preparation, agricultural inputs and tools, construction of produce-holding sheds and facilitating the organic certification process for their crops.
Rwanda Smallholder Specialty Coffee Company (RWASHOSCCO) 1779-RWA photos	2007-2013	\$392,200	Agro-Processing (Specialty Coffee): RWASHOSCCO, a specialty coffee export company created in 2005 through the efforts of USADF and USAID/PEARL, serves as a “Company of Cooperatives”. Working with over 20,000 small-holder coffee farmers, RWASHOSCCO processes coffee cherries and exports coffee to the U.S. and Europe. Project funds will facilitate RWASHOSCCO’s expansion into dry processing and roasting, and strengthen RWASHOSCCO’s overall management, production and marketing capacities.
Coopérative Theicole de Mulindi (COOPTHE MULINDI) 1849-RWA photos	2008-2013	\$248,200	Agricultural Production (Tea): COOPTHE MULINDI, a registered tea farmers’ cooperative in the Northern Province of Rwanda grows and sells tea to a local tea factory. After a significant portion of its fields were destroyed during the civil war, COOPTHE MULINDI is in the process of renovating the affected fields by installing an irrigation and drainage system to boost and assure year round production. Funds will be used to rehabilitate 100 acres, cover some operational costs, and establish a tea nursery.
Kooperative Impuzamashyirahamwe ya Kijyamere (IMPUYAKI) 1876-RWA photos	2008-2013	\$246,600	Agricultural Production (Potatoes): IMPUYAKI, a cooperative with 780 members in Gicumbi District, specializes in growing and selling potatoes, wheat and an improved variety of seed potatoes. IMPUYAKI is rapidly expanding its seed multiplication activities. Funds will be used to purchase agricultural equipment and inputs, acquire technical assistance and training, and construct a storage facility.
Coopérative d’Agriculteurs du Riz de Mirenge (CORIMI) 1928-RWA photos	2009-2012	\$146,800	Agricultural Production (Rice): CORIMI, a rice cooperative with 1,345 members, is located in Ngoma District. Currently CORIMI sells paddy on behalf of its members, however in 2010 CORIMI will begin to process and sell members’ rice. Funds are being used to build a drying slab and storage area; purchase a rice mill, agricultural inputs, protective gear, rice threshers and acquire technical assistance to strengthen their financial management capacity.

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Coopérative de Développement et du Bien-être Familiale (CDEF) 2071-RWA photos	2009-2011	\$90,000	Agricultural Production (Mushrooms): CDEF Cooperative, a registered mushroom producer cooperative works to improve the welfare of HIV-positive individuals through income-generating activities. CDEF grows and sells mushrooms, as well as prepares mushroom growing substrate for other farmers. Project funds will provide the cooperative with improved management and financial capacity along with basic equipment and inputs, and the development of a five-year business plan.
Coopérative Theicole de Ramba Gaseke et Giciye (COTRAGAGI) 2195-RWA photos	2010-2015	\$242,272	Agricultural Production (Tea): COTRAGAGI is a tea growers' cooperative located in western Rwanda. Cooperative members are able to produce high quality green leaf tea and also have the potential to increase the acreage under tea production. USADF assistance will be used to address production constraints included poor infrastructure, inadequate working capital, and inadequate transport to move the green leaf tea from the collection centers to the factory.
Ituze Cooperative 2120-RWA photos	2010-2015	\$164,000	Agro-Processing (Cassava): Ituze, a cassava farming cooperative with 205 members, is located in the Kamanyi District, Southern Province of Rwanda. Project funding will be used to improvement of drying facilities, install a water harvesting system, and construct a waste disposal system, as well as provide training on improved agricultural practices, financial management, monitoring and evaluation, and food safety.
Gahaya Links Sarl 2182-RWA photos	2010-2015	\$245,600	Manufacturing (Decorative Home Accessories): Gahaya Links works with more than 4,000 predominantly women artisans in 50 cooperatives and associations throughout Rwanda. Gahaya Links helps these artisans develop a variety of new products and build relationships with international corporations. USADF assistance will provide working capital, construct a facility for the home textile production line, and acquire better equipment, such as new sewing machines and a van.
Banzukore Cooperative 2076-RWA photos	2010-2014	\$245,000	Agricultural Production (Passion Fruit): Banzukore, located in Kibuye, is one of the largest passion fruit cooperatives in Rwanda. Project funding will enable Banzukore to expand its business by purchasing agricultural inputs and a generator, acquiring more growing land, establishing a waste disposal facility. USADF's grant will help increase the group's total revenue by venturing into juice production and fresh fruit sales, as well.
Coopérative des Theiculteurs de Nyaruguru (COOTHENYA) 2219-RWA	2010-2015	\$233,800	Agricultural Production (Tea): COOTHENYA is a tea growers' cooperative located southern Rwanda. The cooperative helps members grow tea, maintain their tea plantations, and collectively market green leaf tea. USADF assistance will help the group rehabilitate unused plantations, improve its infrastructure, establish a modern tea nursery, transport tea to market, improve its financial management capacity, as well as improve on the technical capacity of its members.
Coopérative pour la Promotion de Pêche et des Activités de Vente d'Isambaza (COOPPAVI) 2295-RWA	2010-2012	\$81,600	Marketing (Fish): COOPPAVI is a cooperative of 32 members located in Rubavu District along Lake Kivu. The cooperative helps members harvest, market and sell the Isambaza fish, both wholesale and retail. Project funding will be used to purchase new fishing boats and nets, acquire post-catch handling equipment, purchase an outboard boat motor for rapid delivery of fish to market; as well as provide training in cooperative management, financial management, fishing techniques, fish handling and hygiene, fisheries law and monitoring and evaluation.
COPRORIZ-Ntende Society, Ltd. 2403-RWA photos	2011-2014	\$236,300	Agricultural Production (Rice): CORPRORIZ-Ntende is a rice cooperative with 1,514 members in Gatsibo District. The group allows farmers to benefit from collectively selling rice in an area where few other economic opportunities exist. Funds will be used to expand their operations by providing working capital for seeds and fertilizer, a truck, as well as covering key staff members salaries and basic administrative costs.

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Union des Coopératives des Apiculteurs de Gishwati (UNICOAPIGI) 2316-RWA photos	2011-2012	\$83,300	Agricultural Production (Honey): UNICOAPIGI, a registered union of six beekeeping cooperatives with 709 members, is located in the area surrounding the Gishwati forest of Rwanda. This union helps improve honey production infrastructure and techniques. Funds will be used to install modern beehives for member cooperatives, purchase improved honey processing equipment and packaging materials, develop a five-year business plan as well as provide training in modern beekeeping techniques, financial management, monitoring and evaluation, and safety.
Coopérative Abanyamurava 2365-RWA photos	2011-2014	\$138,300	Agricultural Production (Mushrooms): Abanyamurava is a mushroom growers' cooperative in northern Rwanda composed of many members with HIV/AIDS. The cooperative produces inoculated substrate tubes that are sold to mushroom farmers. The cooperative purchases and sells fresh mushrooms from them to be sold, and will embark on a new product line of dried mushrooms. Funds will be used to expand their business by providing processing and drying equipment, computers, training in modern drying techniques, and food safety, as well as hiring a marketing consultant and creating a marketing plan.
Coopérative Dufashabacu 2413-RWA photos	2011-2014	\$138,500	Manufacturing (Cement Construction Materials): Dufashabacu is a cooperative that produces cement construction materials. The group's 63 members are living with AIDS and 58 members are women. Grant funds will be used to buy a cement block-making machine, a computer and software, and furnish an office space. The grant funds will also be used to improve the organization's financial management and marketing, as well as hire a consultant to create a business plan.
Agasaro Cooperative 2555-RWA photos	2011-2015	\$228,000	Agro Processing (Pineapple Juice): Agasaro is a pineapple growing cooperative that is increasing profits by producing juice. The cooperative has over 700 active members. The group will increase production through improved machinery, better transportation and laboratory equipment.
Koperative Y'Abahinzi B'Icyayi Ba Mudasmwa (KOBACYAMU) 2479-RWA	2011-2016	\$241,300	Agricultural Production (Tea): Kobacyamu is a tea cooperative with almost 5,000 members. Sixty percent of the members own less than .05 hectares of land. This project will provide a nursery and seedlings to farmers so they can have enough land to be profitable. Improved transportation will also help the factory have more efficient operations and produce higher quality product.



COPRORIZ Rice Field



Ituze Workers



COOPTHE-Mulindi's Tea Nursery